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- 66) [142463] Re: RC servos and Remote ATU
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>

- 67) [142464] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
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- 68) [142465] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 69) [142466] Bencher BY-1 paddle FS
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- 71) [142468] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 73) [142470] Re: Dilemma question
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- 74) [142471] FT: MFJ 9030 CW QRP RIG
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- 75) [142472] Re: Dilemma question
by "w5tb" <w5tb@arrl.net>
- 76) [142473] re:Argonaut SS-475
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- 77) [142474] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 78) [142475] Re:Reading The Manual(s)
by "Karl K" <kkanalz@gcecis.com>
- 79) [142476] Holiday MW contest
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- 80) [142477] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 81) [142478] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 82) [142479] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 83) [142480] Re: Holiday MW contest
by "KL7FDQ, Wayne Leman" <KL7FDQ@rangeweb.net>
- 84) [142481] QRV QRA
by Wayne Rogers <w5kdj@juno.com>
- 85) [142482] Re: Holiday MW contest
by kwiike@gdls.com
- 86) [142483] Re: OT: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
by "KB0VCC" <kb0vcc@adelphia.net>
- 87) [142484] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 88) [142485] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 89) [142486] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 90) [142487] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 93) [142490] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 95) [142492] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 96) [142493] Ham Radio Manuals
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- 97) [142494] Re: "Dumb" Questions
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
- 98) [142495] Shipping Update for the QRP Contest Calendar 2003
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
- 99) [142496] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 100) [142497] Re: "Dumb" Questions
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- 101) [142498] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
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- 102) [142499] step drill and Altoids tins
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- 104) [142501] Re: Ham Radio Manuals
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
- 105) [142502] Test Message
by "Ron & Judy Ackerman" <n8kbg@triton.net>
- 106) [142503] Re: dx country question
by "Brian Riley (maillist)" <n1bq_list@wulfdn.org>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:21:32 -0700
From: "KL7FDQ, Wayne Leman" <KL7FDQ@rangeweb.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142398] Re: Antenna setup help - long
Message-ID: <007301c2a62c\$84f9a400\$023d1dac@waynecomputer>
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> Hello, I'm finally settling in my new house, and getting ready to setting
> up my antennas, I would like some opinions on what to setup, I live in NW
> Arkansas, which puts it right about the center of the US.

>
> The house sits in a 150' by 130 clearing, the rest are trees about 60 feet
> high.

Oh, ham heaven! Many would be jealous of what you have.

> I want to setup some balanced antennas if possible.

Good antennas.

> The main problem
> I see is that if I put a 40 meter dipole or inverted V about 40 to 50 feet
> high, the signal mostly goes straight up, I have noticed that many have
> similar setups and you seem to be doing ok, so what do you think?

Actually, the signal from such an antenna does not go straight up. Such antennas can work a lot of DX, as well as stations closer in.

> The only antennas that give a good pattern that is low to the horizon is a
> vertical (not affordable right now) and a 1/4 wave sloper (not balanced,
> need several pointing in different directions), full wave loop (again
> directional) . I was thinking of using #16, or #14 solid copperweld wire
> for the antenna.

I have used both kinds of antennas you are considering, dipoles at 40-50 feet and verticals. Both are good antennas and with both you can work DX. The vertical does have the edge for lower angle of radiation, but it also often picks up more noise. But having a lower angle of radiation does NOT mean that you get no long-haul contacts with dipoles, especially at the height you will be able to hang them. Dipoles at 40-50 feet make excellent all-around antennas, good for both some DX as well as shorter distance work.

>
> I am going to setup a 80 meter Inverted V , and two 20 meter dipoles at
> right angles to each other, and these are no problem, at 20 I can get
> enough height, at 80 I want it to be a cloud warmer, it is the 40meter
> antenna that I need some help with.
>
> I was thinking that later I could get something like a Cushcraft R8
> vertical 40-6 meter vertical, any experiences with it?

No, but I have used a HyGain trapped vertical, both roof-mounted with lots of properly cut radials and ground-mounted with the same radials. The vertical has done well for me.

I think if I had to choose a dipole over a vertical, I would go with the dipole, but there are advantages to both. Why not just set up both and be

able to switch easily between them. That's a win-win situation for you, as you compare antennas. I've had this switching choice between a dipole and vertical in the past and I like it.

Good luck,
73,
Wayne
KL7FDQ
Busby, Montana

>
> Thanks
>
> Cecil
> KD5NWA
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>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 18:45:42 -0600
From: Goemans <jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142399] Iambic paddle for sale
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20021217184542.006a2388@facstaff.wisc.edu>
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Hello guys,

Christmas is approaching! I am selling a really nice set of iambic paddles, the NA-20 by North American Telegraph Co. This is exactly as seen on the Morse Express website, BUT mine were custom made by Jim K6VDH with ebony fingerpieces instead of cocobolo wood. The combination of ebony, black granite, and brushed brass is quite striking! The curved fingerpieces are very comfortable, and a little closer together than a Schurr paddle. Shipped to you in conUS for \$120.

72, Paul

Paul Goemans WA9PWP
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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:09:27 -0700
From: "Ron KU7Y" <ku7y@tds.net>
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 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142400] Re: Antenna setup help - long
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Hi Cecil,

Here is something I always tell people..... (and I know I'm right too!)

ANY antenna is BETTER than NONE. :-)

So put us what you can and then spend the rest of your life trying to make things better!

A dipole for 40m at 40-50 feet will let you work a fair amount of DX and should be a good antenna for much of the USA.

A wire vertical is another good choice as is an inverted vee. You can phase two verticals or inverted vee's and have lots of fun for not much money.

Hope this helps,

73,

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Brenda, AZ (or somewhere close!)
<http://www.qsl.net/ku7y>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:50:05 -0700
From: "Ron KU7Y" <ku7y@tds.net>
To: <w1rfi@arrl.org>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142401] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio

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Hi Ed and All,

> If in 1963, a rudimentary knowledge of the radio technology of the day was
> sufficient, why not today? We are testing at least an order of magnitude more
> than we did when I was licensed. How much harder do we have to make it on >
newcomers before they are not "dumbed down?"

Good point but..... (Ahhhhh, you knew there had to be a "but" eh?) :-)

I have always felt that the **hobby** of amateur radio was just that..... a hobby. And it's also **amateur** radio not professional radio! So to me the entry level tests should test a person on very BASIC concepts like Ohm's Law and the rest should be devoted to rules AND how to operate. By how to operate I mean that you should have to sit down and have a "QSO" with someone. This could include all the modes that the license class being tested for covers.

As one moves along the different license classes the level of difficulty should increase INCLUDING the operating portion. And I still like the idea of needing "time in grade" before upgrading to the next level. This gives a person the chance to gain **real** experience, be it operating on the air or making things.

But I'm just about a majority of 1 on this I think! :-)

The above does NOT mean that hams going through the ranks like that would be any **better** (or any worse) then those who go through the ranks now or even in 63ish.

I have also thought that you should **NOT** have to memorize any formulas to get your license but rather all the formulas including some that are wrong or not needed, should be part of the test..... a page or two of nothing but unnamed formulas. You **should** be able to pick out the one you need for the problem at hand. Or maybe they could even be labeled and all you would need to do is understand the question enough to locate and use the right one.

As to Ed's questions..... let me just say that I would think I could dig around in the books and come up with the right answer (if there is one!) to the first question. Having never known much of anything about the second I'd just have to pass. And this is from someone who even had to draw schematics on his general class license test (back in the 50's) and I even made my living for awhile working in a 2 way radio shop as a technician. :-)

OK, back in my hole.....

73,

Ron, KU7Y
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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:22:32 -0500
From: "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142402] Re: RockMite lives
Message-ID: <BAY1-F650kU46M74M8800016561@hotmail.com>
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AA5SI, AL7FS and N4QA all calling N5IB but no Jim...
How long we supposed to wait for a full prof...was it 10 or 15 mins :)
I'll go back out to the mobile for another listen...
73.
Bill, N4QA

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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:33:26 -0800
From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142403] Re: Antenna setup help - long
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Cecil
You have a setup to make most hams drool.

If you want a 40m vertical, you have an excellent opportunity there.

Use one of the 60 ft trees to support a near vertical 40m dipole.
If the feedline run is long, use 450 ohm line for least loss.

A 40m dipole 50 to 60 ft in the air would be a fantastic antenna.
Contrary to the belief that the signal only goes straight up, it actually goes everywhere, with the least signal off the ends.
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Most of us have to make do with lower antennas, like 30-35 ft. For us, max gain
(also a bit more than 6dB over isotropic) occurs around 80 degrees above the horizon,
and 3db above isotropic is at about 25 degrees above the horizon. A lot of QSOs and
a lot of DX are worked every day with these antennas.

Enjoy what you have. Put those lovely antenna supports to work. Get out into those
trees and start hauling wire. Win one for the Gipper. Sorry, wrong sport. Anyway, go for it.

73, Bob N6WG

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 18:53:47 -0700
From: "Thomas Kuehl" <ac7a@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142404] OT: Sept 1994 QST Info Found
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Howdy,

Marty, W00Q, was good enough to find and pass along the QST info I was seeking.

No need for anyone else to look.

Regards, Thomas - AC7A (Tucson)

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 18:28:53 -0700
From: <tlogan7@cox.net>
To: <n6wg@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142405] Re: Antenna setup help - long
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I'm really jealous. NZ7C

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From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 6:33 PM
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To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [142406] Re: RockMite lives
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On Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:22:32 -0500 "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
writes:
>AA5SI, AL7FS and N4QA all calling N5IB but no Jim...
>How long we supposed to wait for a full prof...was it 10 or 15 mins :)

No "prof" here, just a schoolteacher, but mind your Ps and Qs or you'll
have to stay after class and write "I will listen for RockMites" 100
times on the board :^))

20 meters mostly just went away here about 0030, noise up and signals
down, not much heard on even the K2. I'll have another go around 0230 for
a first QSO

72

Jim N5IB

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From: "vze4jt6u" <vze4jt6u@verizon.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142407] Re: The Best Paddles
Message-ID: <000301c2a457\$88934ca0\$fc53fea9@Sharon>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Pete,

I think you'll find that what are the best keyers and paddles for you will be a subjective choice. I personally am happy with a Vibroplex Brass Racer for the paddle and either a TICK keyer as packaged by Whiterook, or whatever keyer is included in one of my rigs. The brass racer is controlled by magnets, and I find it lets me send a couple of WPM faster than any mechanical paddles I've used.

For portable applications, a number of the folks have made up paddles out of printed circuit board material. I think you can find such designs on the NorCal web page or on Steve Weber, KD1JV's web page.

Also, there are a lot of folks that much prefer a potentiometer control of the keyer speed, as opposed to the approach used in the TICK-based keyers, which requires push of a button and then changing speed with your paddle.

I'd suggest that you spend some time reading the eHam.net reviews of keyers and paddles to get an idea of what features and attributes others find important. But, whatever you end up with, I hope you'll enjoy and stick with CW!

72/73

Cal K4JSI

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 18:26:23 -0800
From: Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>
To: elecraft@mailman.qth.net, QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142408] Elecraft shipping status; Holiday shut down
Message-ID: <3DFFDCCF.5DB07898@elecraft.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For those of you who are waiting for the last minute to satisfy your kit building habit, we've updated our Elecraft shipping status page. It can be reached at:

http://www.elecraft.com/elecraft_shipping_status.htm

Also, Elecraft will be shutting down between 12/21 and 12/29 for the holiday and a much needed rest. We will be back in the office Monday 12/30. (Of course you can order via our web page during this time. :^) All orders received after 12 Noon Friday Dec. 20th and before Monday Dec. 30th will begin shipping the week of Dec. 30th.

73 and thanks from all of us for a great year!

Eric, WA6HHQ, and the Elecraft crew.

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:25:51 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142409] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <A4FA1190-1227-11D7-BEEC-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

With all due respect and not just to be argumentative -

Amateur radio is technically a "service" not a hobby. Someone once pointed this out to me in a public forum in a not so gentle way.

There are objectives of advancing the art, training a pool of qualified operators, and public service. These fundamental objectives or mission statements are actually contained within the FCC Part 97.

Like most, I do sometimes think of it as a "hobby" and all of my fun contributes to these objectives one way or another

without me even thinking about it.

Brian

On Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 07:50 PM, Ron KU7Y wrote:

>
> Good point but..... (Ahhhhh, you knew there had to be a "but" eh?)
> :-)
>
> I have always felt that the ****hobby**** of amateur radio was just
> that..... a
> hobby. And it's also ****amateur**** radio not professional radio! So to
> me the
> entry level tests should test a person on very BASIC concepts like
> Ohm's Law and
> the rest should be devoted to rules AND how to operate. By how to
> operate I
> mean that you should have to sit down and have a "QSO" with someone.
> This could
> include all the modes that the license class being tested for covers.
>
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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2002 21:17:38 -0800
From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142410] SWAP: Hammarlund HQ-180 Manual
Message-ID: <003301c2a3f9\$49e713a0\$e061e043@k6whp>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I turned up a really clean HQ-180 manual. It has no markings, inner pages are bright, schematics great, etc. Only the manual cover shows modest signs of age. Was going to e*** it but I figured someone on this list might want it.

Got anything to swap? Believe me, I am not looking for anything exorbitant; maybe you have an extra book of interest around the shack you might not need -- or sumpin like that.

72,

Bill, k6whp

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 16:01:47 -0500
From: "vze4jt6u" <vze4jt6u@verizon.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142411] OT: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <002901c2a47d\$2e859990\$fc53fea9@Sharon>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For those who take The Washington Post, or have access to it, there is an article on page B-10 (Metro Section) of the Saturday, 14 December 2002 edition. It's theme is the emergency communication potential of the amateur service.
72/73
Cal K4JSI

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 15:58:30 -0500
From: "vze4jt6u" <vze4jt6u@verizon.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142412] Best Paddles
Message-ID: <002301c2a47c\$b96acf40\$fc53fea9@Sharon>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Cal K4JSI

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 21:51:07 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142413] For Sale: TenTec 1208 6m transverter
Message-ID: <3DFFE29B.55FC8272@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For Sale:

TenTec transverter 1208 with manual. 20m in, 6m out.

Makes an excellent match for your K2 and other qrp rigs to get on 6m.

\$65 shipped in the US. Contact me for DX shipping.

73
Paul K4FB

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 21:3:24 -0600
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>

To: "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>,
"qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
Subject: [142414] Re: RockMite lives
Message-ID: <412002123183324136@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Bill:

If the professor's hat is on the table, you have to wait the entire period
[g].

73,
--Doc/K0EVZ

> [Original Message]
> From: Bill, N4QA <n4qa@hotmail.com>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
> Date: 12/17/2002 7:22:32 PM
> Subject: Re: RockMite lives
>
> AA5SI, AL7FS and N4QA all calling N5IB but no Jim...
> How long we supposed to wait for a full prof...was it 10 or 15 mins :)
> I'll go back out to the mobile for another listen...
> 73.
> Bill, N4QA
>
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> -----
> MSN 8 with e-mail virus protection service: 2 months FREE*
> <http://join.msn.com/?page=features/virus>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:31:13 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>

To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, larc@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [142415] For Sale: ADI AR-147 2m mobile
Message-ID: <3DFFEC01.E0AFE7CF@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

ADI AR-147 2m mobile radio for sale.

Includes mic, manual, mobile bracket, etc. In great shape.

Current HRO price is \$149.95. I will ship this one for \$95 in the US.

Please email any questions.

Thanks! Paul K4FB

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:36:14 +0900
From: Junichi Nakajima <nakaji@crl.go.jp>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142416] IC-703
Message-ID: <200212180334.MAA02660@ryuu.>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hi,All

Recently, ICOM officially announced the IC-703, the QRP version of IC-706 series.
The light weight 10W QRP rig was displayed in Japanese Ham Festival in last August. The 703 will be released around 98000JPY (800USD) at the end of this month. It is said that the production is running, but their distribution to retail shops need a month.

Already there are several QRP transceivers in this category (K2,Argo,FT-817), but still we are very welcome the new one. The IC-703 will be a choice for who need display larger than FT817 and vehicle separate installation.

By the way, they give the name of "703" halved from "706". This mean the QRP character. Without 144/430MHz, I expect remaining room inside the rig. This is important specification for QRPer who like mods.

I have no relation to the ICOM.

JL1KRA Junichi

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 21:54:03 -0600
From: "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142417] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <200212180454.WAA07812@gallium.eosinc.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:50:05 -0700, Ron KU7Y wrote:

>As one moves along the different license classes the level of
>difficulty should increase INCLUDING the operating portion. And=
I
>still like the idea of needing "time in grade" before upgrading=
to
>the next level. This gives a person the chance to gain **real
>** experience, be it operating on the air or making things.
>
>But I'm just about a majority of 1 on this I think! :-)

I'd buy into having to have some experience too. Earlier this=
year there was
a guy who seemed nice enough but said he went from his Technician=
ticket to
Extra in about 8 weeks and then posted a question about how to=
use an SWR
bridge to check an antenna. I don't think that each and every Ham=
should have
the equivalent of an Engineering degree but I do think it's=
reasonable that
someone holding the highest class license available would=
understand how to
do a basic measurement for an antenna.

Tim, N9PUZ
<http://www.qsl.net/n9puz>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:15:08 -0800
From: "Alan Kaul, W6RCL" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142418] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <001e01c2a64c\$0ea7d2c0\$5240cd18@charterpipeline.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tim wrote:

>I do think it's reasonable that someone holding the highest class license
available would understand how to do a basic measurement for an antenna.<

Or calculate power input to a transmitter final!

It seems like just yesterday someone was hassling Chuck for telling people
to "look it up in the handbook."

Alan Kaul, W6RCL, LaCanada, CA
w6rcl@amsat.org
<http://home.att.net/~alan.kaul/index.html>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 22:28:26 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142419] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <C4E39054-1238-11D7-BEEC-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

On Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 11:15 PM, Alan Kaul, W6RCL wrote:

>
> It seems like just yesterday someone was hassling Chuck for telling
> people
> to "look it up in the handbook."
>

What are you trying to say?

I don't recall "hassling" Chuck, but I thought telling folks to go look it up in the Handbook was inappropriate.

The person asking the question must have thought it appropriate.

I don't recall it was a holder of the highest class license and I don't recall that it was about using an SWR meter.

I don't understand your inference here. Logically, it seems unsound.

Am I to infer it is somehow my fault that Americans are fat and lazy, eat too many hamburgers, watch too much TV, never read, hate math and science, etc...?

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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:53:40 -0500
From: "Walter Amos" <waltk8cvamosqrp@earthlink.net>
To: "Qrp-L Posts" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142420] Fw: Echolink
Message-ID: <003f01c2a651\$7006c990\$a7d279a5@WALTK8CV>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not exactly

It depends on your PROVIDER!

I have a friend with JUNO and it sure enough was not " LOAD AND GO " for him , it was load and bomb !

Walt K8CV Royal Oak, MI.

----- Original Message -----

From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 4:45 PM
Subject: Re: Echolink

> I use it on both W98SE and Me and it works very well. I am not sure

> what you are asking about a "folder" - when you download and install
> the program it goes into its own folder, of course. If you are using a
> router in LAN/WAN setup the some changes have to be made in the
> settings there, but otherwise, it is just install the program, load
> and go!

>

> 73/72, George

> Amateur Radio W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas

> In the 57th year and it just keeps getting better!

> Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe

> K2 #489 IC-765 #2349 IC-756 PRO #2121 IC-756 PRO2 #03235

>

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "W2WU" <w2wurjj@verizon.net>

> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

> Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 8:11 PM

> Subject: OT: Echolink

>

>

> > Has anyone experience with this program? Any recommendations what
> folder it

> > works best in with a Win98 O/S? 73, Ron

> >

> >

>

>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 21:07:16 -0800 (PST)

From: David Toepfer <davetoepfer@yahoo.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [142421] Re: The Best Paddles

Message-ID: <20021218050716.32064.qmail@web12803.mail.yahoo.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

> O.K. so I am starting a religious war!

I am not sure who I am to speak, as I have barely scratched the surface of CW
with a keyer, but from what I can see the best choice (for me) is the Island II
Keyer. From my perspective Ultimatic is the way to go.

Best Paddles? There are so many to choose from.

My short wish list:

Palm 817 Paddle
Code Warrior Jr.
Schurr Portable Wabbler
WB9LPU Parkwood paddles
Kent TP-1

Some day:
Schurr Profi-2
W9WBL v22

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<http://mailplus.yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 05:34:06 -0600
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142422] Price
Message-ID: <064401c2a689\$60504980\$6d74da0c@mchsi.com>

Hey gang: Just a question for the group!
What was the price for the SMK-1 originally?

Thanks: Jerry N0JRN

ARS # 923, ARCI # 11049, ARRL,
<http://home.mchsi.com/~benlightnd13/>

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2002 23:40:28 -0900
From: Jim Larsen - AL7FS <jimlarsen2002@alaska.net>
To: "qrp-l@lehigh.edu" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
 RockMite List <Rock-Mite_Group@yahooogroups.com>
Subject: [142423] RockMite QSOs AL7FS<--->PA and WA
Message-ID: <3E00347C.5000302@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

From: Bill, N4QA (n4qa@hotmail.com)
Date: Tue Dec 17 2002 - 20:22:32 EST
AA5SI, AL7FS and N4QA all calling N5IB but no Jim...
73. Bill, N4QA

=====

Well, I did not work N5IB/RM but I did manage to work K3NZ in PA (0135Z) and N7RR (0143Z) in WA both on RockMites. NZ was pretty weak but RR was pounding into Alaska.

That makes three RockMites in three states: FL, PA and WA. I may just set up a page on my website and start working and tracking a W.A.S. whilst working only RMs on the southern end.

I was using my K2 at 5 watts today and have a KLM KT34A at 40 feet.

I hope to work more RockMites in the near future. Who's next? :-)

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS
Anchorage, Alaska
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 01:49:11 -0700
From: "Jerry McCollom" <w0mc@radioactivehams.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142424] FOX: W0MC Final Log 12-6-02 Z Hunt
Message-ID: <00e401c2a672\$561d7990\$8c01a8c0@hampc>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Better late than never :-) I ended up with only a couple of typos from the log, which affected only one callsign (the other was a power typo).

Thanks & look forward to my outing in March!

73 for the holidays!

Jerry
W0MC

W0MC Fox Log 12-6-02 Z Hunt

203 KB9YIG 559 IN TONY 500mW
204 N0RC 599 CO ROD 500mW (ROCK MITE!)
205 N0UR 559 MN JIM 5W
206 K3PH 559 PA BOB 5W
207 K2PQ 589 NJ FRANK 5W

208 WR50 579 TX DAVE 5W
210 KB7WW 579 OR ART 5W
211 N4ROA 579 VA DAN 5W
212 AC5JH 559 OK TOM 5W
213 K5FSE 599 GA JACK 5W

214 N5ZE 559 TX LEW 5W
217 W9UQB/7 559 AZ MIKE 5W
218 W5TB 559 TX DOC 5W
219 W5YR 559 TX GEORGE 5W
220 N9NE 449 WI TODD 5W

221 KK5LD 599 TX DAN 5W
222 AA7EQ 559 AZ BOB 5W
223 K5DW 559 TX DON 5W
224 K4ADI 559 SC FRANK 5W
225 W0CH 559 MO DAVE 5W

226 N3BJ 559 VA ALAN 5W
227 K5SR 559 TX DALE 5W
232 K5JHP 559 TX BILL 5W
234 VA6RF 559 AB EARL 5W
236 N4BP 559 FL BOB 5W

238 VE5RC 229 SK BRUCE 5W
239 W0UFO 559 MN MERT 5W
241 N0WX 599 MN MIKE 5W
243 K9DC 559 IN DAVE 5W
245 KR5C 599 TX GEORGE 5W

246 N1TP 339 FL TOM 5W
249 AB5XQ 559 AR BILL 5W
251 K5ZTY 559 TX BILL 5W
252 AA50 559 LA VERN 5W
254 WA9TZE 559 WI JIM 5W

256 VE6JAZ 579 AB BOB 5W
257 W9XU 559 WI LON 5W

258 N9AW	559 WI JERRY 5W
300 VE6EX	559 AB DAN 5W
302 NK9G	559 WI RICK 5W
305 AF4LQ	559 KY MIKE 5W
308 NK6A	559 CA DON 5W
316 K5AIC	559 MS HERB 5W
321 K6MMC	559 CA MIKE 5W
325 W5KDJ	559 TX WAYNE 900MW
327 KG6CYN	559 CA TREV 5W
332 K8CV	559 MI WALT 5W
334 K5TR	599 TX GEORGE 200MW
335 NV4V	559 KY PETE 5W
336 K5E0A	559 LA WAYNE 5W
339 N8XE	559 OH JASON 5W
347 KQ5U	559 TX TERRY 5W
349 WA8BXN	559 OH MIKW 5W
351 W5USJ	559 TX CHUCK 5W
353 N5EBD	559 TX KEN 5W
357 WB6BWZ	559 GA MATT 5W
400 AC7A	559 AZ FOX 5W
400 W0MC	559 CO FOX 5W

73, Jerry W0MC

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 05:43:25 EST
 From: IamSF5@aol.com
 To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
 Subject: [142425] A thank you and a for sale or trade
 Message-ID: <17a.13be1317.2b31ab4d@aol.com>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang,
 Thanks to al who responded to my question on the math calculation.
 Someone did say that solid state Class *C* usually operate at 70% efficiency
 so that why my numbers did not seem
 right+++++++
 The for sale or trade i'm posting for a local ham.
 He has a buddipole antenna.

He's asking \$175.00 (never used) or trade for a nice QRP rig.
His funds are low and his phone was shut down.
I gave him a MFJ 40 meter CW QRP RIG and he's been restricted to 40 meters.
Please E mail me direct on the above .
Thank you
Bob
AF2Q

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 06:16:11 -0500 (EST)
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
To: vze4jt6u <vze4jt6u@verizon.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142426] Re: OT: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <20021218061505.R20642-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 15 Dec 2002, vze4jt6u wrote:

> (Metro Section) of the Saturday, 14 December 2002 edition. It's theme is
> the emergency
> communication potential of the amateur service.

The online version is at
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A52969-2002Dec13.html>

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com	Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster
http://www.baltimoremd.com/	Baltimore's Home Page
http://www.baltimorehon.com/	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
http://www.zerobeat.net	Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList
http://www.tlchost.net	Web Hosting as low as \$3.49/month

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 04:41:32 -0700
From: Tim Groat <tcgroat@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142427] RE: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.2.20021217203952.009ea420@mail.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

"Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>:

>But let's put this to the acid test, and find out how a pre-1960s tested =
>ham fares.

OK, but I'm a bit young for your criteria. My SS check is 77 ;^)

> The pre-60s tests were a reasonable test of the radio =
>technology of the day. So, let me ask you two questions that are =
>appropriate to today's radio technology.=20
>

>1. In the far field of an antenna in free space, the electric field is =
>at a level of 10 volts/meter 100 feet from the antenna. What will the =
>field be at a distance of 200 feet from the antenna?

If measuring at the same azimuth and elevation angles for both distances,
the field strength would be 5 V/m. This topic was just as relevant 40 years
ago as it is today. Then, the issue was how large a power increase doubles
the range for a line-of-sight path. Today, the issue is the RF field
exposure limits. Same technology, applied to a different question.

>2. Draw from memory the block diagram of a direct-sequence, =
>spread-spectrum transmitter.

Pardon the ascii art...please read with fixed pitch font! Here's the
circuit designer's version...

```
Carrier Osc-----+---CW ID Keyer---+
                   |                   |
Baseband signal-----+       +-----+
                   |       |           |
Spreading clk--code shift reg--+-+--Bal mod--Mixer--BPF--PA--LPF--Ant
                   |   |           |   |
                   |   +-All-0 det-+   (*)
                   |   |           |
                   +---Feedback taps---+
```

(*) This detects the invalid all-zeroes state, and loads a legitimate
"seed" value into the register if all-zeroes ever occurs. That is
essential, because otherwise the seq. shift register will remain stuck on
the invalid code.

...But the simplified software designer's version is more representative of
today's state of the art! Here is your basic software-defined transmitter,
theoretically useful for every mode from CW to FSTV to spread spectrum.
Perhaps the modern test should ask for a program flowchart?

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Baseband signal---A/D---DSP---D/A(**)---PA---LPF---ANT
```

(**) This assumes the D/A converter output has sufficiently low out-of-band spurious signal levels. If not, add a BPF between the D/A and PA.

So Ed, do I pass? Can I keep my license? ;^)

73,

--Tim (KROU)

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 06:22:59 -0600
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@9plus.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, George Baker <w5yr@att.net>, Lew Paceley <lew@paceley.com>,
Subject: [142428] NETXQRP Club Meeting, Saturday 21 December
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20021218062259.00844680@mail.9plus.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

QRPers,

All who are interested are invited to attend.

Saturday, December 21, 2002 -- 1:00 to 3:00 pm (or so)

Los Hermanos
1500 W. Moore Ave (US80 West)
Terrell, TX 75160
972-524-5580

Directions:

Los Hermanos is on the West side of Terrell. It is on the North side of US80 (Moore Ave.) about a block east of the intersection of US80, SH205, and SH148. SH205 goes North from US80 toward Rockwall and SH148 goes South back across IH20. Los Hermanos is a small restaurant next to a Payless Shoe store.

If you have a favorite QRP something you'd like to bring along, please do. Each month we have a "Door Prize" drawing. Bring an item to share for the door prize table. A drawing is held at the end of the meeting to *redistribute* the wealth. Everyone attending gets a chance at one of the prizes. Come join the fun!

Email Alt: w5usj@arrl.net

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
QRP-ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, QRPp-I #115, ARS #1280, SOC #57
Zombie #759, COG #11, 6 Club #201, NETXQRP <http://www.netxqrp.org>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 07:30:42 -0500
From: "NZ8J" <nz8j@woh.rr.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142429] WTB: QRP sensor for LDG DWM-4 Wattmeter
Message-ID: <004701c2a691\$480a2b90\$6400a8c0@NZ8J>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Looking for the qrp sensor for a LDG DWM-4 wattmeter. If you have one for
sale please send details
Thanks
Tim
NZ8J

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 06:53:25 -0600
From: "Stephen Yates" <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142430] Re: Copiable CW Signals
Message-ID: <001801c2a694\$7556ab20\$6f36a6d8@Main>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A recent demonstration at the NORTEX QRP Club indicated that most operators
could copy CW down to about 15 dB BELOW the noise floor with no QRM.

73,
Steve Yates - AA5TB

<http://www.qsl.net/aa5tb/>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:08:42 -0500
From: "Steven Connors" <steven.connors@verizon.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142431] ARRL 10M Contest
Message-ID: <006001c2a696\$97548880\$990ca044@steve>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This was my first try at the 10M contest. Didn't have much time so was only on for about 5 hours. Almost all contacts were made using 1 watt to an 80M dipole up about 45 ft. I increased the power to 5 watts for 3 contacts - 2 of these were to ZL stations.

Worked 20 states and 21 countries, most in Europe. Furthest DX at 1 watt was an A6 station. Furthest DX at 5 watts was ZL. Total score: 14,596.

Hope I have more time next year!

Steve, K1HJ
QTH: Massachusetts

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:19:41 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142432] This should be a test question Was: Washington Post Article
Message-ID: <3E0075ED.E4C2CB3E@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

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> a guy who seemed nice enough but said he went from his Technician ticket to
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Apparently this ham was smart enough to know that he needed to check the SWR to test an antenna and wanted to make sure he did it correctly. Smart fellow.

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 07:29:17 -0600
From: "David Bixler" <qrp@netins.net>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142433] Four State QRP Group Wednesday Warble
Message-ID: <000201c2a699\$7721b4e0\$e915b9cc@Host>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello gang:

Tonight at 9 PM central time, the Four State QRP Group has our weekly Wednesday Warble on 3580.5 KHz PSK-31 mode. All QRP'ers are welcome to join our informal roundtable chat.

We have been having a nice turnout and very good propagation the last few weeks. Time to dust off those Warblers (or any other PSK capable rig) and join the roundtable. Nothing formal, just some fun with QRP.

72, Dave

David Bixler W0CH
Seneca, Missouri

QRP: Little radios, Big Fun!

QRP Web Site: <http://w0ch.com>
Four State QRP Group: <http://w0ch.com/fsqrp>
Underdogs Fox Team: <http://w0ch.com/underdogs/underdogs.htm>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 07:38:35 -0600
From: Karl Kanalz <kkanalz@gcecis.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142434] RE: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <01C2A668.B612F320@KKANALZ>

He's not so smart after all, Alex. If he had any degree of "smartness", he would have a copy of the ARRL or the Radio Engineer's Handbook and could have found his answer in less time than he expended asking his question on a reflector.

"Ham Spirit" doesn't mean that the questioner doesn't have SOME responsibility in the process.

Framistan (You can call me "Fram") K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----

From: Alex [SMTP:kr1st@amsat.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 7:20 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: This should be a test question Was: Washington Post Article

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73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:43:42 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: n9puz@arrl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142435] Re: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <3E007B8E.2E1DF09D@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

"Tim, N9PUZ" wrote:

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> On Tue, 17 Dec 2002 17:50:05 -0700, Ron KU7Y wrote:
>
> >As one moves along the different license classes the level of
> >difficulty should increase INCLUDING the operating portion. And I
> >still like the idea of needing "time in grade" before upgrading to
> >the next level. This gives a person the chance to gain **real
> >** experience, be it operating on the air or making things.
> >
> >But I'm just about a majority of 1 on this I think! :-)
>
> I'd buy into having to have some experience too.

In itself I don't think it's a bad idea either. However, the General and Extra test is supposed to measure if someone is ready for the next level (if you look at it as levels). Now if you could build something into the test that somehow could test actual experience, then that would be great. It takes some people longer than others to gain experience.

I don't think it's fair and not even effective to have only a minimum time requirement on a license class. You can not assume that simply because someone has to stay within a certain level for a period of time that that person actually gained the experience (or any at all) you are looking for. It would also not be fair to hold back someone at a certain level if the person has say an EE degree, is the club engineer and has 20 years of experience in the field under his or her belt. On the other

end there may be folks folks who get a Tech license so they can operate a station at the Red Cross during disasters, but never get on the air or do anything else with their ham ticket. They could then still upgrade and be at the same level of experience as the guy who went from Tech to Extra in 8 weeks. The minimum time requirement did not provide the latter person with the experience level expected.

What I could go for is for things like not publishing the question pool of the Extra test and make sure that at least 20% of the questions is new every year and put the level to pass the test at 85%. I know that this requires work, but at least it would give the guy with a lot of knowledge and experience a decent shot at getting the Extra quickly and it requires the not so experienced to do some actual homework beyond that of memorizing the question pool.

Just my 2 cents. No flame intended.

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:47:54 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142436] RE: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <3E00363A.5014.D81343F@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 7:38, Karl Kanalz wrote:

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> responsibility in the process.
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> Framistan (You can call me "Fram") K - W8TIF
> McKinney, Texas
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Alex [SMTP:kr1st@amsat.org]

> Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 7:20 AM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: This should be a test question Was: Washington Post Article
>
> "Tim, N9PUZ" wrote:
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> way, Tim.)
>
> Apparently this ham was smart enough to know that he needed to check
the
> SWR to test an antenna and wanted to make sure he did it correctly.
> Smart fellow.
>
> 73,
> --Alex KR1ST
>

I rather think the QUESTIONER would be the likely one to have his license
revoked, since he demonstrated lack of knowledge at the level he
supposedly passed an exam for. The "Ham Spirit" does not require putting
up with idiots.

"When a true genius appears in the world you may know him by this sign:
that all the dunces are in confederacy against him." -- Jonathan Swift

+++++-----+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| <http://www.w2agn.net> [UPDATED]
+++++-----+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:03:55 -0600
From: "David Bixler" <qrp@netins.net>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142437] Four State QRP Group Get-together Saturday
Message-ID: <000001c2a69e\$4e23ae40\$e915b9cc@Host>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang:

This upcoming Saturday, December 21st, the Four State QRP Group is having our monthly luncheon get-together at Barney's Kitchen in Seneca, Missouri. We have lunch at 11:00 AM central time.

If you have never been to one of our get-togethers, we just have lunch and some fun with QRP and homebrewing. No boring business meeting, no speakers, just fun. Check out our web site for driving directions and photo reports of past meetings.

This month, we will have a "share the goodies" door prize drawing. We will be checking the parts drawers and junk boxes and bring a few surplus goodies to share. Don't have any excess goodies? Don't worry, come on down and you will go home with a few!

See you Saturday, gonna be fun!

72, Dave W0CH

Four State QRP Group: No Rules, No Agenda - Just Fun!

Four State QRP Group: <http://w0ch.com/fsqrp>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:10:33 -0500
From: Garey Barrell <k4oah@mindspring.com>
To: kkanalz@gcecis.com,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142438] RE: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20021218090105.00a37450@mail.mindspring.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Karl -

I think we have run afoul of the "internet syndrome." It's certainly not limited to ham radio, but there is a definite trend toward expecting _everything_ of value to be "on the net." I don't know how many times I have seen someone ask on a reflector "where ON THE NET can I find the resistance of #22 copper wire?" There have been wire tables in the Handbooks since the first one, and I would be willing to bet that this guy has a copy sitting on the shelf.!

I believe it is a reluctance to remove one's hands from the keyboard / mouse, get out of the chair and walk across the room.

Kind of like going to weather.com to see if it's nice outside!! :-)

The accuracy of a large portion of that information is also suspect, but that's another topic entirely!

73, Garey - K40AH
Atlanta

At 08:38 AM 12/18/2002, Karl Kanalz wrote:

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>McKinney, Texas

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 06:32:50 -0800 (PST)
From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>
To: QRP-1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142439] Re: This should be a test question Was: Washington Post Article:
LONG
Message-ID: <20021218143250.51416.qmail@web41008.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Alex (kr1st@amsat.org) wrote:

"Tim, N9PUZ" wrote:

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>this ham to ask
>further questions?

>Everyone who would answer yes should immediately have
>his or her license
>revoked until he or she read up on what the ham
>spirit actually means...[truncated]

...interesting question, Alex, but how could anyone
answer yes or no? It's not that kind of a question.

The real issue is about how people treat each
other. To a certain degree, fortunately or
unfortunately, we can't legislate about these things,
or make licensure contingent upon "goodwill."

There are some hams, most, I think, who are very
nice, very helpful, whenever and wherever. And there
are a few curmudgeons who seem to live for moments
when they can put others down, demonstrating their
superiority. I think the latter types are sad people
with sad lives and very poor social skills.

But people like that are everywhere. My solution
is to ignore the horrid stuff whenever possible, while
openly being helpful, and supporting others that do
so.

By the way, I have an Extra Class license, and I'm
just now beginning to learn the very basics of radio
theory. I was able to read the questions and answers
over a couple of times and pass, based on recognition
of the correct answers. But now I've begun to build,
question, read and learn. I've gotten an amazing
amount of help from what I call e-elmers, guys who
have answered all my dumb questions and held my hand.
Hams like them predominate, and are a part of what

makes this hobby so incredibly great!

They're also why I'm working on getting to FIDM this year. Anyone want to share driving/expenses, my car, from the Baltimore area??

=====

73, 72 es oo, Lloyd, K3ESE
K1 # 00379 - 20/40M Rock-Mites - Hunk o' Wahr
ARRL - ARS #1301 - FISTS #8774
FPqrp #476 - QRParci #11147
QRP-L #2415 - SOC #530
HGT #6'1 - Wgt #190 - BT #B-
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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:33:20 -0600
From: W2EB <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142440] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <3E009540.3E7E84A6@twcnny.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Perhaps, rather than his question being "how do I check VSWR?" (as in, what tool is appropriate, where is the meter inserted in the line, etc.); might he have been asking "How do I check VSWR with **THIS** specific tool?" (as in where should I set these knobs, what switch settings, what power level from my xmtr, etc?)

No matter how much theory anyone may have, operation of a specific piece of equipment may not be obvious if one has never encountered that type of equipment before.

Perhaps we could give others' the benefit of the doubt before we assume the worst about them.

73,

Bill
W2EB

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:44:31 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142441] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <3E0089CF.3C8076E9@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

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> a reflector.

Oh boy, here we go again. Let's see if we can bring this book discussion into the 21st century.

The ARRL Handbook consists of a lot of articles written by quite a few people. Some of them are on this list. All these articles answer certain questions and explain things to the reader. At some point in history, someone got this bright idea to bundle them, throw a nice cover on it, put some ads in it and call it a (hand)book.

Now fast forward a couple of decades.....

People still ask questions, and fortunately, there are still a few folks around willing to answer them. Technology provided us with new media. Electronic, magnetic and optical signals and media provide us with means that allow us to access vast amounts of information, not as limited as the few books we have on our book shelf. This same technology also gives us the opportunity to ask questions directly to the source rather than writing another letter to the editor and putting it in an origami piece called envelope. Now we don't have to rely on the knowledge of just one or two authors on a subject, no we have access to a myriad of experiences and what not. At this time it seems that email is the medium of choice to ask questions. At some point some bright mind will print all these emails with the answers for future reference, perhaps throws a nice cover on it, maybe add some ads, and call it a book.

So you see, a book is nothing else than a stack of printed email.

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:07:12 EST
From: Mercxx@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142442] Dilemma question
Message-ID: <a4.311720f9.2b31e920@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good morning,

I have a question to ask the group. I think that my XYL is considering buying me a new rig for Christmas but being a non ham she has been asking alot of questions. I have always wanted a K-2 but I do not have time to build but I know that there are builders for hire and referred her to the Elecraft.com website. She also asked about the FT-817 so she has obviously been doing her research. My question is, do I just flat out ask for a K-2 and hope she finds a builder or go for the 817. I am in a mental dilemma but it is Christmas time and it is not everyday that the wife asks you what rig do you really want!!!!

72
Steve
N4TKP

Thanks for the opinions in advance and everyone have a great
Holiday/Christmas!!

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:16:11 -0500
From: <tlogan7@cox.net>
To: Mercxx@aol.com,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142443] Re: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <20021218151611.LNYN27125.fed1mtao04.cox.net@smtp.west.cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Oh my God.....the K2....hurry befoe she goes for the 817!!!!!!!!!!!! No
comparison.....we need intervention here folks!!!!!!

>

> From: Mercxx@aol.com
> Date: 2002/12/18 Wed AM 10:07:12 EST
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
> Subject: Dilemma question
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> 72
> Steve
> N4TKP
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> Thanks for the opinions in advance and everyone have a great
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>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:38:19 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: <kw3u@warwick.net>
Subject: [142444] Re: dx country question
Message-ID: <028e01c2a6ab\$7ffb76c0\$010044c0@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Meander on over to http://buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcallexe, poke in 9S1X, and discover that Michael is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and that his QSL manager is F2YT.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: <kw3u@warwick.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2002 2:13 PM
Subject: dx country question

> Hi all; Managed to snag 9S1X today and thought I had new country Congo,
>
> but in my (little outdated) dxcc countries book where I keep track, I
> already
> have prefix 9Q-9T filled in with 9q5da Zaire.
> Would appreciate knowing if I have a new one or the story here.
> Guess I should have payed attention in geography class.
> Please no guesses or maybe's, just the facts.
> Also looking forward to more postings on the new argonaut, tn timer Jim
> kw3u
>
>
>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:38:54 -0600
From: "Rouse, Mark S." <rouse@mayo.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142445] FW: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <033E407400B1D511A2840002B33B609D01B1BE2E@excsrv13.mayo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Steve

FWIW from elecraft.com:

There is still time to order your Elecraft products in time for Christmas. Orders placed before 12 Noon Friday 12/20 can be shipped via Federal Express 2nd Day or Next Day service to receive them by the 24th. You can chose these options when ordering via our on line order form or via the phone. Elecraft will be shutting down between 12/21 and 12/29 for the holiday and a much needed rest. We will be back in the office Monday 12/30. All orders received after 12 Noon Friday Dec. 20th and before Monday Dec. 30th will ship the week of Dec. 30th.
Mark

> -----Original Message-----
> From: tlogan7@cox.net [SMTP:tlogan7@cox.net]
> Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 9:16 AM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> Subject: Re: Dilemma question
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> > Date: 2002/12/18 Wed AM 10:07:12 EST
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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:39:41 -0500
From: "W2WU" <w2wurjj@verizon.net>
To: <tlogan7@cox.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
Subject: [142446] Re: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <003901c2a6ab\$c93f9140\$c400a8c0@vaio>
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Be satisfied with her choice. Thank her profusely. Consider yourself
blessed with a wife that cares about you and the hobby . Don't neglect the
opportunity to induct her as a fellow operator. This may be a subtle "hint"
and opportune moment. 73, Ron, W2WU

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:33:44 -0500

From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: <Mercxx@aol.com>
Subject: [142447] Re: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <027f01c2a6aa\$db361140\$010044c0@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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In a perfect world, I would suggest you MAKE time to build the K2. There is nothing more satisfying than using a rig you've built.

If that really isn't possible, you probably want to think about how you operate. If it's going to be a stay at home CW rig, then the K2 wins hands down. But if you are going to take it mobile or portable, you may find the 817 a little more convenient.

If you aren't a CW guy and intend to operate mostly SSB, then you must have a rig with mechanical filters, which spells the 817 plus the optional Collins filter.

Do you operate 40 a lot? On 40 the superior IM of the K2 is going to be a win.

These are very different rigs, and if you think about what you intend to do, I suspect you will conclude that one or the other is the obvious choice, but it's going to depend on you.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:28:59 -0500
From: "Craig A. Ferris" <cferris@aeronix.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142448] Wanted
Message-ID: <3E00943B.6909253@aeronix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Looking for:

1. little red key by The American Radio QRP Key Mfg. Co.
2. back issues of QRPp
3. W6MMA 40-10m coil
4. broken qrp rigs (what do you have collecting dust??)
5. 1/4" shaft linear pot (any value) with momentary spst actuated by pushing shaft.

Please reply direct.

72,
Craig NR4E
Melbourne, FL

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:23:10 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142449] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <3E004C8E.14106.DD86EDF@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 9:44, Alex wrote:

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> So you see, a book is nothing else than a stack of printed email.
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> 73,
> --Alex KR1ST
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Interesting observation.

mark@jerusalem.com: "Luke, did you get my email about the sermon yesterday?"

luke@bethlehem.com: "No, maybe John has a copy."

john@galilea.com: "I had it. something about a house with a bunch of mansions. Must be another neighborhood, but my computer crashed."

mark@jerusalem.com (cc:luke, john): "It's OK, we'll fake it when we put the book together."

+---+---+---+---+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| http://www.w2agn.net [UPDATED]
+---+---+---+---+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:27:20 -0500
From: Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142450] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <213CBBCE200DD6119CEF00B0D0D0D52E22AF3A@cninnmciexch1.crane.navy.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

This discussion brings to mind a couple of quotes. "The only dumb question is the one you don't ask" and "He who asks a question is fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question is a fool forever". I wonder how many of the people on this list spend more time and energy bemoaning the lack of knowledge in new hams than it would take to answer the question and

go on? Instead of putting the questioner down for asking, display you're alleged superior knowledge by answering the question. But of course one doesn't have to display ones knowledge when just putting the other person down. Flame away everyone.

73 de N9KH

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 07:22:03 -0800 (PST)
From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>
To: QRP-1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142451] Putting up with Idiots
Message-ID: <20021218152203.11423.qmail@web41002.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

It has been said that, "The "Ham Spirit" does not require putting up with idiots." True! But we put up with them anyway.

I write as, I suppose, an "idiot." Asd I mentioned earlier, I'm a know-nothing Extra, at least when it comes to theory. So I need to ask questions that some others might read, and say, "Wow! What an idiot! Can't he just read the Handbook?"

Answer: not always. I'm currently struggling with learning theory, by building kits, reading an old "Understanding Amateur Radio," the '02 Handbook, and a novice text, along with info on the web. But it's very tough going for me. It's hard to maintain my focus sometimes, and I'm a recovering mathphobe.

AND!: we have this incredible resource! This list! Thank you, Chuck and all others! Now, some unspeakable morons among us might think this hobby is for technogeeks only, but, surprise!! It's not. There's a lot about this hobby that appeals to regular people, too! And we sometimes want the answer to a question, and we ask it here.

I don't think there are bad or stupid questions. I know this thread surfaces regularly, although I've been on the list less than a year. What I think is bad or stupid is jerky losers who know it all, putting someone, anyone, down for asking a question here, even if the answer to that question is simple, and easy to

find in a book!

I love to get on the air, and do it whenever I can. I got my upgrade to get the additional bandwidth. Now, my love of the hobby is leading me on a personal quest to understand how RF gets that way, and it's adding greatly to my enjoyment. But the main attraction, for me, is communicating.

Please, please, if you know a lot of stuff, and have been everywhere and done it all in this hobby, if you see a post that makes you snort with indignation because you think the person should have known the answer based on their license level, or should have looked it up, just delete the damn post. You'll be doing the rest of us a great favor, and maybe even beginning to work on those people skills you missed while standing in the technogeek line.

<rant mode off>

<flame shield up>

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73, 72 es oo, Lloyd, K3ESE

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:55:22 -0500

From: David Hinerman <WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [142452] Re: Dilemma question

Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.1.20021218104322.00a743c0@ipostoffice.worldnet.att.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

>My question is, do I just flat out ask for a K-2
>and hope she finds a builder or go for the 817.

Steve,

Would you and/or she be disappointed if you got an unbuilt K-2? That way you could choose who to build it. (God forbid that I should question the judgement of such a fine woman who would give her husband a K-2, but then again it's not fair to burden her unduly with such a decision.)

If the K-2 is really what you want, I suggest you pursue that. Three things you should never "settle for": a spouse (you've got that covered it seems), a computer, and a radio. (Grin) Getting the rig built can be dealt with later. Besides, at this late date it may not be possible to get it built before Christmas.

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I should have such dilemmas!

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Thank you! It's not every day we get a spouse + radio story with a happy ending. I hope your holidays are as happy as they sound like they'll be.

Dave

A Real Programmer can write FORTRAN in any language.

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:03:02 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142453] 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <3E009C35.4BEE2B0@amsat.org>

MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Thanks and 73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:57:26 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142454] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <05906089-1299-11D7-981A-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
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I will concede that those who have been consistently reading and participating in the QRP-L mailing list for decades know more about the members than I know about the members.

Maybe, for some reason, those who subscribe here aren't very smart.

Maybe they do require being told in no uncertain terms to go read a book.

Maybe they don't write very well, either. And, need to be told so in no uncertain terms. Put 'em in their place.

Maybe those (like me) cut from better cloth should be worshipped by the unwashed masses.

(Maybe NOT!)

On Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at 09:44 AM, Alex wrote:

> Karl Kanalz wrote:

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>> He's not so smart after all, Alex. If he had any degree of

>> "smartness", he
>> would have a copy of the ARRL or the Radio Engineer's Handbook and
>> could
>> have found his answer in less time than he expended asking his
>> question on
>> a reflector.
>
> Oh boy, here we go again. Let's see if we can bring this book
> discussion
> into the 21st century.
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> The ARRL Handbook consists of a lot of articles written by quite a few
> people. Some of them are on this list. All these articles answer
> certain
> questions and explain things to the reader. At some point in history,
> someone got this bright idea to bundle them, throw a nice cover on it,
> put some ads in it and call it a (hand)book.
>
> Now fast forward a couple of decades.....
>
> People still ask questions, and fortunately, there are still a few
> folks
> around willing to answer them. Technology provided us with new media.
> Electronic, magnetic and optical signals and media provide us with
> means
> that allow us to access vast amounts of information, not as limited as
> the few books we have on our book shelf. This same technology also
> gives
> us the opportunity to ask questions directly to the source rather than
> writing another letter to the editor and putting it in an origami piece
> called envelope. Now we don't have to rely on the knowledge of just one
> or two authors on a subject, no we have access to a myriad of
> experiences and what not. At this time it seems that email is the
> medium
> of choice to ask questions. At some point some bright mind will print
> all these emails with the answers for future reference, perhaps throws
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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:03:28 -0800 (PST)
From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>
To: a low-energy group <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, fpqrp-1@mpna.com
Subject: [142455] FOX: pelting you all with pelts
Message-ID: <20021218160328.74496.qmail@web41012.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Ok, it's like this: you know where, you know when, you know how. Me n' Al, KØFRP, will be dishing out the pelts tomorrow, and we'll both be within 10 kHz +/- of 7.040 MHz. As it's a Fox Hunt, we thought you might want to hunt for us.

If you've never tried a Fox Hunt, why not try this one? Just find us, or the pack calling out in the night, and join in. We'll be listening up a ways, usually, from our transmitting frequency, from 1-3 kHz.

We'll call CQ FOX or QRZ, or something, and you shout out your call, upstream a bit. When we finally hear you, we'll say something along the lines of,

YOURCALL TU 559 MD LLOYD 5W YOURCALL BK

following which, you come back smartly with something like,

BK MYCALL 559 TX SCHMENDRICK 5W TU

...and remember to send all your info but once. We'll ask for Phil if we need him. After your go, we'll say something like TU or QSL or whatever, maybe even TU de K3ESE...but wait to see if the Fox needs Phils before screeching out your call, creating the deep whoooshing sound that strikes terror into the heart of Reynard.

Good luck, happy hunting, and damn the sun numbers! Oh, and although the hunt will be Dec. 19 at 0200Z - 0400Z, I may just report that it was on Jan 24 at 0930 EST, because I like that time better, and Tom can just fix it later.

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 08:03:45 -0800

From: "Ian Wilson" <ianmwilson@earthlink.net>

To: <kr1st@amsat.org>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [142456] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig

Message-ID: <000801c2a6af\$0baefc20\$0b02a8c0@WorkGroup>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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The Kenwood TM-742AD with a 50MHz plug-in module will do this, at least according to the catalog I'm looking at.

Hope this helps,

de ian, k3imw/6

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:08:36 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: <kr1st@amsat.org>
Subject: [142457] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <02f501c2a6af\$ba810360\$010044c0@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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IC-706MkIIG?

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:16:37 -0500
From: Robin Kidd <robink@us.ibm.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142458] "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <0F5A32D369.92F25665-0N85256C93.005950EC@us.ibm.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Am I the only one who is seeing a really dangerous trend in the answers to this question. I get my Technician in Feb and finally after much studying got my Extra in June. I for one do NOT consider myself the equal of hams who have been licensed for many years, but, I would like to be able to ask a question without incurring the wrath of these hams. It troubles me to think that the RTFM attitude has eaten its way into ham radio. I would like to think that we are a helpful group to anyone who has an honest question whether they should know the answer or not. If we continue to feel that someone should know the answer to their question then I fear the ranks of the ham radio community will decrease. Please remember that we do not all know everything we should... Just a thought from a "new" ham...

Regards,

Robin J. Kidd
Network Engineer

Remember, the Ark was created by inspired amateurs but the Titanic was created by professionals...

Internet: robink@us.ibm.com
Phone: 770.835.3596(T/L 596)

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:13:12 -0500 (EST)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>
To: QRPL List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142459] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.02121811111140.22435-1000000@dns.phideaux.com.>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Swing and a miss :) 742AD Only does FM, I have one in my truck. Look around for an FT-736R with a 220 module, pricey, but worth it.

On Wed, 18 Dec 2002, Ian Wilson wrote:

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-- Chris Cartwright, Unix Administrator | ccart@phideaux.com --
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE Norcal Zombie #163 | Oxford, PA 19363 FM29as --
-- MDmW #5 NJ-QRP #105 QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 FISTS #5028 QRP-ARCI #9271 --

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:13:44 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142460] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <02fb01c2a6b0\$7229eb80\$010044c0@chartermi.net>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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Isn't the 742 FM only? It's also darned pricey with the 6 meter option.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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From: "Ian Wilson" <ianmwilson@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 11:03 AM
Subject: Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 10:03:07 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142461] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <D119B45A-1299-11D7-981A-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
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Look in the AES Catalog. Are you some kind of idiot?

:) :) :) :)

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:27:51 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142462] My license is bigger than your license
Message-ID: <3E00A207.4FDC6B4A@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Funny how this is a recurring topic.

When someone successfully passes the requirements for an amateur radio station license is the person miraculously now an expert on every possible electronic & rf topic?

NO

If I complete all of the requirements to become a doctor...do I know as much as a the doctor that just retired after 30 years of service?

NO

Both have the piece of paper to prove being a doctor. Do they really mean the same thing???

Paul K4FB

Who does not know how to measure the input power to a final and is proud

of it!

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:33:08 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142463] Re: RC servos and Remote ATU
Message-ID: <20021218112834.G20862-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Looks like I sent this to the wrong fellow, so I will post it here in hopes that the right guy will see it.

> I see several have sent you info on the use of servos in your idea. I
> would like to suggest that you drop in on the local bookseller and have a
> look thru the section on Robotics. I have noticed quite a number of new
> and interesting books at my local Borders Book Store. Many are offered on
> line, but there is nothing quite like just browsing them in the store.
>
> They generally have coffee bar and tables, so you just get a big stack of
> selected books and spend the evening researching, I mean reviewing the
> selections. :^}
>
> I was particularly interested in a new one that described motors and
> servos for use in Robotics projects. I can't recall the name of it, but i
> think it was a TAB Book. in the \$ 20 price range.
>
> In any case you will get lots of ideas and PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS INFO.
>
> OBTW, I don't know if you are familiar with the NJQRP Club and its
> publication The QRP Homebrewer. George Heron and Joe Everhart are doing
> the Digital QRP Column in the QRP ARCI Quarterly and the NJ QRP
> Homebrewer. The latest QRP Homebrewer #9 describes the QuickieLab kit
> project. It is an enhanced Pic Controller Development Board. It will use
> the Basic Stamp 2 and some of the other look alike.
>
> There will be lots of handy dandy projects coming up that can be run on
> it. I don't know how elaborate you want to go with your project, but this
> could help a lot. Learn to program it to send the servo signals to the
> servos, etc.
>
> I plan to get both the QuickieLab and the Big brother Digital Lab when it
> is ready.

>
> I would like to hear more about the ATU Project. I have been thinking of
> installing my LDG AATU in a Navy Weatherproof Box on a PVC Pipe near one
> of my big trees with 450 Ladder line to the 80 Meter Horizontal Loop and
> the Flat Top G5RV. Both of which will be new this Spring, as I have to
> start a new Antenna Farm this year. Lightning evaporated several last
> year. It is time to start all over. I am also thinking of a Remote Switch
> to select one of four different antenna. I will be using coax or CATV
> Hard line in conduit/garden hose buried from the house out to the ATU pole.
>
>
> The advantage being less likely for the lightning to follow the cables
> into the house again.
>
> Guess that is about it for now. Keep in touch and let us know how your
> project goes. Sounds like something that would make a good Article for
> the QRP Quarterly.
>
> If you are not already a QRP ARCI Member, I would be glad to send you a
> couple of free samples. Just email me your mailing address.
>
> I am the keeper of Back Issues and Mailer of Replacement copies, etc.
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> QRPp Dx Tu, (C) 2002 K3TKS
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> Sir George, The First :^}
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> 72 ES QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. "Danny" Gingell, K3TKS@abs.net
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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:32:49 -0500
From: "Joe W2KJ" <w2kj@bellsouth.net>
To: <kr1st@amsat.org>
Cc: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142464] Re: 6,2,70 all mode rig
Message-ID: <007601c2a6b3\$1ab19e40\$220110ac@gateway.2wire.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----

From: "Alex" <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 11:03 AM
Subject: 6,2,70 all mode rig

> Hi there,
>
> I was wondering if there's such a thing as a 6, 2 and 70 cm
all mode
> base rig. I see rigs with 6 and 2, or 2 and 70, but not one
with all
> three. I'm sure I'm overlooking something. Anyone have any
suggestions?
>
> Thanks and 73,
> --Alex KR1ST

Howdy Alex:

You might look around for an FT736. This rig comes with 2M
and 70CM and with slots for 220Mhz and 6M optional modules.
The 6M module puts out QRP levels of power, 10W.

I see these rigs advertised on the trader's pages on the
Internet all the time. Check out
<http://www.qth.com/classifieds> or <http://www.qrz.com> pages for
these radios.

73, Joe W2KJ
North Carolina

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:41:30 -0500
From: "Mike Yetzko" <myetzko@insydesw.com>
To: <robink@us.ibm.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142465] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <004601c2a6b4\$54525080\$0300a8c0@charter.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0
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> Regards,
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> Robin J. Kidd
> Network Engineer

I agree, it IS a dangerous trend. In some respects, RTFM is good advice,
but it's not the end-all. Too many people give that advice with smugness
when they are just 'brain proud snobs'.

There are a lot of times people are looking for the implied experience and
practical knowledge that goes with the question, but the snobs seem to be
too hung up on what they know, or don't know, to look any further than
to say "Read the manual".

Mike

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:42:52 -0500
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142466] Bencher BY-1 paddle FS

Message-ID: <NGBBLMCLOLBBPLBFNJPMEEIHCHAA.W8EK@fdt.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For Sale:

Bencher BY-1 Iambic Paddle.
True Bencher, and not the MFJ clone. This has the
black base, with chrome parts. Very nice condition.
\$65 plus shipping from Florida.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson
E-mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@arrl.net
Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 09:46:52 -0700
From: "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142467] Re: My license is bigger than your license
Message-ID: <00e801c2a6b5\$12fa9a60\$90552aa2@bobbaxte>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

From: "Paul Womble" <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>

>

> When someone successfully passes the requirements for an amateur radio
> station license is the person miraculously now an expert on every
> possible electronic & rf topic?

>

> NO

I was issued a FAA (CAA then) A & P license in 1948 after a couple years of intensive training. Thank god my first employers didn't expect me to have all the answers. Come to think of it, I didn't have all the answers when I retired 40 years later. Yes, I did read the manuals (the manuals for a Boeing 737, in paper form, make a stack about 8 feet tall) but a big part of my knowledge came from asking questions. The collective knowledge of any group endeavor is the biggest asset of that group.

Bob Baxter AA7EQ
Bisbee, Az.

Bob Baxter AA7EQ
Bisbee, Az.

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:01:41 -0500
From: Jerry Lofstead <w3cde@bellsouth.net>
To: robink@us.ibm.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142468] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00A9F5.E1E62A5@bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Robin,

You espouse what I believe many new hams are seeing. However, there are those on the list who translate RTFM as the nasty translation! To me, RTFM stands for "Read The Full Manual"! There have been many questions asked here that would not have been answered if the question "asker" had only read the "full" manual rather than selected paragraphs. This has been true on this list from some who have been a ham or in electronics for many years. They bring the wrath of the list upon themselves! they especially should know better. They sort of get what they deserve.

Technical writers spend lots of time writing manuals. Some are better than others. I wrote military manuals for two years and writing at the 5th grade level is very hard for me, but I did it. Any question after reading the manual, is a good question if you do not understand what has been written.

Some manuals are written in Greek with English spelling....
The ARRL Handbook should be in every ham's library, if not the
first book in the library. It covers most of the information
and at least can get you to the point of asking questions that
make sense to most of the knowledgeable people.

Merry Christmas and Happy/Healthy New Year from my Family to
yours!

GOD Bless

Jerry
W3CDE

Robin Kidd wrote:

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> not all know everything we should... Just a thought from a "new" ham...
>
> Regards,
>
> Robin J. Kidd
> Network Engineer
>
> Remember, the Ark was created by inspired amateurs but the Titanic was
> created by professionals...
>
> Internet: robink@us.ibm.com
> Phone: 770.835.3596(T/L 596)

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:13:29 -0500
From: David Hinerman <WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142469] Re: "Dumb" Questions

Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.1.20021218114318.00a78a70@ipostoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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>who have been licensed for many years, but, I would like to be able to ask
>a question without incurring the wrath of these hams. It troubles me to
>think that the RTFM attitude has eaten its way into ham radio.

Robin,

As an annoying character on one of my son's favorite cartoon shows likes to say, "If you have to ask, you'll never learn!"

We seem to be forgetting that the FCC exam is only to help ensure that we have the MINIMUM amount of knowledge necessary to use a shared resource - spectrum - without impeding others' use of it. It's like passing a test for a driver's license. All I've proven is that I can probably operate a passenger car without killing someone anytime soon. Am I qualified to compete in NASCAR? No way.

In the example given, the knowledge of how to measure the SWR of one's antenna system is not required to prevent interference with other stations. It's possible to purchase a radio and antenna, install them according to the instructions, and operate well without measuring the SWR. (Not a good idea, mind you, but it's possible.)

A ham -is- expected to know that operating a transmitter, whether to make a contact or to measure an antenna's SWR, requires good practices like finding a clear frequency, using the least amount of power necessary to get an accurate reading, and identifying.

>I would
>like to think that we are a helpful group to anyone who has an honest
>question whether they should know the answer or not.

As I have to remind my wife occasionally: "Don't 'should' on me." She has expectations, some justified, some not. Saying a ham "should" know this or that isn't justified unless you're the FCC. (If you disagree with the FCC's requirements, take it up with them.)

It's been my experience that most hams, if asked in person, will try to be helpful. (Sometimes too helpful - I've received bad advice from well-meaning fellows who didn't really know the answer, but wanted to help.) The worst cases of "he should know that already" I've encountered were either on the Internet or when a third party asked the question on behalf of an absent ham. (Which can be doubly damning - not only is the

original questioner being slammed, but the person that relayed the question is also being slammed for bringing it up and not answering it himself.)

>If we continue to
>feel that someone should know the answer to their question then I fear the
>ranks of the ham radio community will decrease.

Or else the less experienced hams will band together and "leave the old fogeys alone," to figure out what they need to know by trial and error.

>Please remember that we do
>not all know everything we should... Just a thought from a "new" ham...

Despite the air time this topic is getting, I think it's only a few "bad apples." It's like the evening news - you hear about the one person that made an unauthorized withdrawal at the bank, and not the 2000 other people that did everything correctly.

And to a new ham, if all you get from one guy is attitude, go to another. They're not all that way.

Dave

A Real Programmer can write FORTRAN in any language.

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:49:35 -0500
From: "Stephen King" <frstephenk@stfrancishigh.org>
To: <Mercxx@aol.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142470] Re: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <003901c2a6bd\$d4433800\$3950a8c0@RM204>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Steve!

I guess it depends what you are looking for in a new rig. I have both a K2 and an 817 and the K2 is totally superior in performance. Unless you need the VHF/UHF capability in one rig I would definitely go for the K2!

Peace & 73

Stephen

W3SMK

K2 #2644

----- Original Message -----

From: <Mercxx@aol.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 10:07 AM

Subject: Dilemma question

> Good morning,

> I have a question to ask the group. I think that my XYL is considering
> buying me a new rig for Christmas but being a non ham she has been asking
> alot of questions. I have always wanted a K-2 but I do not have time to
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> Elecraft.com website. She also asked about the FT-817 so she has

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> it is Christmas time and it is not everyday that the wife asks you what
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> do you really want!!!!!!

>

> 72

> Steve

> N4TKP

>

> Thanks for the opinions in advance and everyone have a great

> Holiday/Christmas!!

>

>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 13:07:11 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

From: "Pastor-kc1di" <elbc2@gwi.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [142471] FT: MFJ 9030 CW QRP RIG

Message-ID: <3E00B94F.000003.01708@DOR>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: Text/Plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Will trade for a bug or keyer paddles .=0D

73 Dave =0D
=20

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:30:10 -0600
From: "w5tb" <w5tb@arrl.net>
To: <Mercxx@aol.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142472] Re: Dilemma question
Message-ID: <012401c2a6c3\$801fdac0\$0300a8c0@alt1.tx.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Hi Steve -- GREAT XYL! ;-)) I'd go for the K2 and find a builder for =
her -- it's not going to get done before xmas anyway.

I'd also second the idea of getting the kit making the time to build it =
slowly. I have an XYL and 4 kids plus hold down 2 jobs and as you can =
imagine my time is extremely limited -- so I bought a K2 off the list. =
Later I made time to build a K1. It took a couple of months to complete =
the K1 an hour or two here and there but the building was fun and the K1 =
gets used far more than the K2 because of the thrill of operating the =
rig I built. I've just upgraded the K2 with the clock & chip upgrade & =
recently the auto antenna tuner so I think I'll use it more now that =
I've been involved in the construction :)

72, 73, oo T.E. 'Doc' Drake, W5TB
Arlington, Texas
FISTS # 5365 QRPARCI # 3532 ARRL Life Member K1 #181 K2#1617=20

----- Original Message -----=20
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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 9:07 AM
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> Holiday/Christmas!!

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:06:19 -0500
From: Michael Babineau <michael.babineau@sympatico.ca>
To: k3tks@u1.abs.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142473] re:Argonaut SS-475
Message-ID: <CA2F993A-12BB-11D7-B4A4-00039309268A@sympatico.ca>
Content-Type: text/plain; delsp=yes; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George:

It appears that you can own your own Argonaut cap for \$30.

Check out the link below :

http://www.historyshopping.com/forms/shopping/*ws4d-db-query-QuickShow?capSS475

I found the following information using google :

http://www.diodon349.com/Stories/story_about_Argonaut_ss475.htm

Michael VE3WMB

P.S. She even did a stint in the Canadian Navy as the HMCS Rainbow SS 75 before being scrapped.

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 11:19:57 -0700
From: "W7KXB" <w7kxb@cox.net>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142474] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <00de01c2a6c2\$11ece800\$5a6c6244@ph.cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ohoo yes, brings back memories of elementary school. I vividly remember asking the teacher how to spell a certain word. Her answer?..
LIUITD.(rtfd).

Hey! that's it. That's where this LIU attitude all started. About the same time they discontinued teaching phonics. Ohoo no...not the NEA again.

Later
KXBill

Open the bomb bay doors, Hal.

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 13:17:09 -0600
From: "Karl K" <kkanalz@gcecisp.com>
To: <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142475] Re:Reading The Manual(s)
Message-ID: <005201c2a6ca\$1057f680\$a077fea9@GCECisp.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ah yes! But at least you READ the manual(s) FIRST, Bob, before you asked questions of your fellow fliers!

That's what I'm trying to impart: "RTFM first, and THEN ask the question(s) if you don't understand what you've just read!

Framistan (You can call me "Fram") K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

----- Original Message -----

From: "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: My license is bigger than your license

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> From: "Paul Womble" <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
> >
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> group.
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> Bob Baxter AA7EQ

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 13:27:43 -0600
From: Wayne Rogers <w5kdj@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142476] Holiday MW contest
Message-ID: <20021218.132743.-1904515.1.w5kdj@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Holiday mw contest is 26/27/28th. Anyone plan to operate this test?
Some test generate &
lot of contestants and some don't.

Receiving a log of solar noise on 28mhz so maybe it will continue to be
good.

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:35:21 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142477] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00CDF9.669A52CC@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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W7KXB wrote:

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> Ohoo no...not the NEA again.

Heeft iemand enig idee wat dit betekent?

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:33:39 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142478] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E008743.22508.EBDC9DA@localhost>
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Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 11:19, W7KXB wrote:

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> KXBill

Nope, it startted with the "new" theory of education. "Don't expect the kid to do ANYTHING for himself. Spoon feed him. If he still doesn't understand, that's OK, don't criticize, because you'll hurt his self-esteem."

Knowledge, intelligence, mean nothing. Most important is to have a good "self-image."

Bah! Humbug!

+---+---+---+---+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| http://www.w2agn.net [UPDATED]
+---+---+---+---+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:46:15 -0500
From: Ed Lawson <k1vp@grizzly.com>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142479] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00D087.2040806@grizzly.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Seems as if I have heard more dumb answers than I have heard dumb questions over the years.

Ed Lawson
K1VP

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 12:38:27 -0700
From: "KL7FDQ, Wayne Leman" <KL7FDQ@rangeweb.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142480] Re: Holiday MW contest
Message-ID: <004601c2a6cd\$0b266f90\$023d1dac@waynecomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Sorry to be uninformed, but I want to be informed. In this case, does mw

stand for milliwatt or Miracle Whip. Where can I get info on this contest, times, freqs, etc.

Tnx,
Wayne
KL7FDQ
Busby, Montana

>
> The Holiday mw contest is 26/27/28th. Anyone plan to operate this test?
> Some test generate &
> lot of contestants and some don't.
>
> Receiving a log of solar noise on 28mhz so maybe it will continue to be
> good.
>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:09:11 -0600
From: Wayne Rogers <w5kdj@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142481] QRV QRA
Message-ID: <20021218.140911.-1904515.6.w5kdj@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm listening on 21.060 and 28.060 with .8 watts if any 1 wants to try their luck?

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:14:27 -0500
From: kwiike@gdls.com
To: KL7FDQ@rangeweb.net
Cc: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142482] Re: Holiday MW contest
Message-ID: <0F3EAF1F85.9E929EB4-0N85256C93.006F04AD@gdls.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-transfer-encoding: quoted-printable
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:30:55 -0500
From: "KB0VCC" <kb0vcc@adelphia.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142483] Re: OT: Washington Post Article on Amateur Radio
Message-ID: <000301c2a6d4\$5e9c3bd0\$6401a8c0@dalenotebook>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>For those who take The Washington Post, or have access to it, there is an
>article on page B-10
>(Metro Section) of the Saturday, 14 December 2002 edition. It's theme is
>the emergency
>communication potential of the amateur service.
>72/73
>Cal K4JSI

Gee do you think they could have found an uglier shack
to represent Amateur Radio to the unenlightened masses?
I'm sure that was a real inspiration for readers to join our
ranks. Given the camera angle, was this just lousy photography
or was someone trying to create perpetuate a stereotype?

72/73
Dale

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:25:48 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142484] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00937C.5418.EED8A21@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 14:35, Alex wrote:

> W7KXB wrote:
>
> > LIUITD.(rtfd).

> > That's where this LIU attitude all started.
> > Ohoo no...not the NEA again.
>
> Heeft iemand enig idee wat dit betekent?
>
> 73,
> --Alex KR1ST
>

LIU = Look It Up
LIUITD = Look It Up In The Dictionary
NEA = National Education Association

Verstehen Sie?

+---+---+---+---+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| http://www.w2agn.net [UPDATED]
+---+---+---+---+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:41:21 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142485] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00DD71.FF03EFB@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Oday ouyay eakspay igpay atinlay?

> > Heeft iemand enig idee wat dit betekent?
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> > 73,
> > --Alex KR1ST
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> LIU = Look It Up
> LIUITD = Look It Up In The Dictionary
> NEA = National Education Association
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> Verstehen Sie?
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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:44:19 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142486] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E0097D3.14245.EFE7CD2@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 15:41, Paul Womble wrote:

>
> Oday ouyay eakspay igpay atinlay?
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Ofway oursecay, evenway ifway Iway amway otnay away yingflay
igpay.

+---+---+---+---+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| <http://www.w2agn.net> [UPDATED]
+---+---+---+---+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:53:03 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142487] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00E02F.8C7A9C23@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 8BIT

W2AGN wrote:

> LIU = Look It Up
> LIUITD = Look It Up In The Dictionary
> NEA = National Education Association
>
> Verstehen Sie?

Nah freilich! Danke sh n!

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:54:44 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142488] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00E094.439A2F73@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Paul Womble wrote:
>
> Oday ouyay eakspay igpay atinlay?

Any flying pigs around? :)

73,
--Alex KR1ST

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:57:19 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142489] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00E12F.7449375F@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

The list apparently does not display ASCII character 148, the o-umlaut.
"sch n" should be "schoen" then I guess in absence of this character.

Alex wrote:

> Nah freilich! Danke sh n!

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:17:05 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [142490] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <AD6F338A-12C5-11D7-981A-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Nope, it startted with the "new" theory of education. "Don't expect the
> kid to do ANYTHING for himself. Spoon feed him. If he still doesn't
> understand, that's OK, don't criticize, because you'll hurt his self-
> esteem."

Well, the greatest part of these internet mailing lists is that you
can get the insights of experts in all fields. Not just
electromagnetism
solid state physics, information theory, electrical engineering,
and computer engineering, but educational psychology, developmental
psychology, and philosophy of education.

Personally, I tend to ascribe to the notions of Jean Piaget.

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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 16:42:21 -0500
From: "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [142491] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <BAY1-F206CH0zyfyz5b00006a4a@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From the lyrics of 'Ebony and Ivory' by Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney:
"...We learn to live, when we learn to give each other what we need to
survive...together, alive..."

On an even lighter note:

On my commute home from work yesterday I reached for the paddles in order to
send out a Rockster-20 'CQ'...and suddenly realized that I had left them
hooked up to the DSW-anyband at home the night before...ok, so yesterday was
receive-only.

Today, I reached for the paddles and...ha ha ha, they were there!
BUT! When I reached for the on/off switch on the R/S 'amplified speaker', I
frustratedly remembered that I had taken the speaker inside last night for a
battery recharge and left THAT inside.

So, TODAY was transmit-only...with no sidetone..

Sure is difficult (and slow), making contacts this way :(

73.

Bill, N4QA

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<http://join.msn.com/?page=features/junkmail>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 16:42:46 EST
From: IamSF5@aol.com
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142492] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <4f.28821350.2b3245d6@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 12/18/02 3:30:26 PM Eastern Standard Time, w2agn@w2agn.net writes:

<<
LIU = Look It Up
LIUITD = Look It Up In The Dictionary
NEA = National Education Association

Verstehen Sie?

>>
HEY,
Your pretty smart Father John.
You can now move up to the front of the class:)
Bob
AF2Q

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:59:20 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [142493] Ham Radio Manuals

Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0212181432560.2427-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Since the radios we use come from Japan, the manuals are written first in Japanese. But since the radios are sold most to the USA and quite a few to Europe, there is a manual and radio problem.

The bands the radio should cover changes as you go from country to country because of local rules. So the radio's need a way to set the band edges easily. All that I have to do is internal to the radio and require moving diodes from one hole to another.

Manuals are a major problem. The sentence structure used in Japanese sounds funny in English, French and German. But I heard somewhere there is a Swedish guy who translates the manuals to English, French, and German. Or that is what he says he does.

I recall a dual band Handheld radio I bought and still use daily called an ADI HT-204. It comes with a nice manual which I found has nothing of value on the first 14 pages. Then in very odd sentence structure it provides all you need to know in 2 pages.

Many times I have provided talks to Radio Clubs about using repeaters and the secret is to save that odd size paper manual that comes with your HT. Without it you should just throw the radio away. Then get out the manual and RTFM. Then RTFM again! Then try and set up the radio.

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces, NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:03:27 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142494] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E00AA5F.1253.F46F5A2@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 15:17, Brian Short wrote:

>
> Personally, I tend to ascribe to the notions of Jean Piaget.
>
> --
> See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>
>
>

Ah yes, the famous "children don't think the same as adults."
psychologist.

+---+---+---+---+ John L. Sielke
|W||2||A||G||N| <http://www.w2agn.net> [UPDATED]
+---+---+---+---+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:05:35 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142495] Shipping Update for the QRP Contest Calendar 2003
Message-ID: <001801c2a6e1\$9a7841a0\$6f3c5cd1@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

First of all if you have already order a calendar, I would like to say
Thanks!! If you have ordered a calendar between Dec. 14 & today, all those
orders will be shipped on Dec. 19, 2002.

I would like to apologies to the NJ QRP Club for the error in the calendars
that have been sent out with the date of the Atlanticon forum listed as 2002
instead of 2003. Also there is a minor change on the FYBO contest listing,
we have it on the Feb. 2, 2003 but the new date is Feb, 22, 2003. The
changes are made in any new calendar being sent out.

If you would like to order a calendar check out www.n3epa.org and follow
the instructions, I will try to get them out ASAP. Just to let you know the
cut off date for ordering in Jan. 15, 2003.

Have a Safe & Happy Holidays.

72 & Good DX

Ron de N3EPA
El Presidente'
n3epa@fast.net
www.n3epa.org

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 16:11:14 -0500
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142496] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <3E0D6D88-12CD-11D7-981A-00306543B616@cox.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v548)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bingo! It is amazing how an entire field of knowledge can be distilled to a single sound bite by those who know it best.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at 05:03 PM, W2AGN wrote:

> On 18 Dec 2002 at 15:17, Brian Short wrote:
>
>>
>> Personally, I tend to ascribe to the notions of Jean Piaget.
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>> See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>
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> Ah yes, the famous "children don't think the same as adults."
> psychologist.
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> ---
> +-----+ John L. Sielke
> |W||2||A||G||N| <http://www.w2agn.net> [UPDATED]
> +-----+ Ex-K3HLU,TF2WKT,W7JEF,W4MPC,N4JS
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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 14:21:34 -0800
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142497] Re: "Dumb" Questions
Message-ID: <20021218222134.GA2287@n7xy.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Kein umlaut? Das ist nicht so sch n.

On Wed, Dec 18, 2002 at 03:57:19PM -0500, Alex wrote:
> The list apparently does not display ASCII character 148, the o-umlaut.
> "sch n" should be "schoen" then I guess in absence of this character.
>
> Alex wrote:
>
> > Nah freilich! Danke sh n!

--

Bob Nielsen, N7XY
Bainbridge Island, WA
IOTA NA-065, USI WA-028S

n7xy@n7xy.net

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 15:29:17 -0700
From: "Ron KU7Y" <ku7y@tds.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142498] Re: How To Check Antenna VSWR
Message-ID: <00a301c2a6e5\$e33ad340\$e434abd0@ku7y>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

There have been several very good thoughts posted and for the most part the discussion has stayed "in line" with what was started.

However there are some who are not seeing what was being said.

No one is saying that one license is "better" than another or that someone who came into the hobby under one set of rules is any better or worse than someone who came into it under a different set of rules.

What was being discussed was the merits of the different rules. Is there any reason to make things harder or easier and if so why. Should the tests concentrate more on operating or on theory and why. Things of this nature.

I'll also add that I have been on this list (a bit off and on the past 3 years) since it was started many years ago. I even remember Chuck saying that if we changed to this format that we might even wind up with 50 people! :-)

Anyway, in all that time I have NEVER seen it said that you could NOT ask a question here. There have been many suggestions about many things here including looking for the information yourself first and then asking for the clarification you need to understand what you found. Many people believe that this is a better way to really understand and learn something. Nothing has ever been meant by those posts (at least those that I have seen) that you are dumb to be asking the question in the first place.

Other things that have been "suggested" on this list is changing the subject line to reflect what the post is about but how many of us really do that? How about those posts where someone says something about "listen for me" and then leaves out details like where or when or best of all doesn't bother to put down what their call is! Or making sure you put down your QTH (as in State) when giving a DX spot. And the list goes on and on.

Remember the old saying from the Bible about giving a man a fish and feeding him for one meal but teach him how to fish and you have fed him for life? Trying to get people to work out the answers themselves is GREAT advice. It's not always given very tactfully perhaps but it's still great advice. Then turn to the list for the help needed. Which might run all the way from "How do I find the subject I'm looking for in the Handbook" to "How did they ever come up with that as the reason it works?"

So lets quit throwing rocks at each other and trying to find shadows where none exist and get back to the question at hand. I love reading all the different opinions about what the hobby is, should be, could be and etc!

But I hate all the finger pointing!

(And I would guess that there must be a very few on this list that do see themselves as better and etc but their numbers are so low that it's just not a problem to handle them with the good old "Delete" key! They are NOT the "norm".)

OK, back in my hole.....

73,

Ron, KU7Y
ku7y@qsl.net

Brenda, AZ (or somewhere close!)
<http://www.qsl.net/ku7y>

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:44:03 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [142499] step drill and Altoids tins
Message-ID: <20021218.163957.4631.3.n5ib@juno.com>

The price tag of anywhere from \$10 to \$20, depending on quality, of step drills had dissuaded me from springing for one for a long time, but I recently took the plunge and got one from Grainger Supply.

Today I used it for the first time to drill an Altoids tin for my RockMite. Can I say it works, as Tony said, GRRRRREAT !! Well worth the \$17 or so I spent. I think there may be a \$10 version at Harbor Freight, shoot, it might even be the exact same one.

I drilled to the step just smaller than the needed diameter and followed up with a tapered reamer to make holes that were a perfect fit.

First RM QSO will have to wait a bit until I do a tad of mechanical work, but might take place tomorrow, and ***might*** (really slim chance) just happen from the deck of HMS Bounty, here to visit in Baton Rouge

72
Jim N5IB

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:50:02 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142500] Gripes (was How To Check Antenna VSWR)
Message-ID: <3E00B54A.30929.F71942D@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

On 18 Dec 2002 at 15:29, Ron KU7Y wrote:

>
> Remember the old saying from the Bible about giving a man a fish and
feeding him
> for one meal but teach him how to fish and you have fed him for life?
Trying to
> get people to work out the answers themselves is GREAT advice. It's
not always
> given very tactfully perhaps but it's still great advice. Then turn to
the list
> for the help needed. Which might run all the way from "How do I find
the
> subject I'm looking for in the Handbook" to "How did they ever come up
with that
> as the reason it works?"

Ron really summed it up here. My "gripe" is not a newbie asking a
question, it is

1. Asking a very basic question and then,
2. Getting highly irate when told that the answer is in the Handbook,
etc.

Also in the line of pet peeves, the clown that posts, "I passed my Extra
in two weeks. I don't know nuthin' cause I memorized the answers, but my
Extra is as good as yours. What's this 'ohms law' stuff?"

Am I being elitist in thinking that maybe my Extra IS better than his? If
so, tough!

Now, the guy that admits "I just passed my test, but I don't understand
such and such, where can I look it up?" gets a standing ovation from THIS
old curmudgeon.

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:51:56 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142501] Re: Ham Radio Manuals
Message-ID: <3E00B5BC.17262.F735105@localhost>
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On 18 Dec 2002 at 14:59, Karl F. Larsen wrote:

>
> Since the radios we use come from Japan, the manuals are written
> first in Japanese. But since the radios are sold most to the USA and
> quite a few to Europe, there is a manual and radio problem.
>
> The bands the radio should cover changes as you go from country
> to country because of local rules. So the radio's need a way to set the

> band edges easily. All that I have do this internal to the radio and
> require moving diodes from one hole to another.
>
> Manuals are a major problem. The sentence structure used in
> Japanese sounds funny in English, French and German. But I heard
> somewhere there is a Swedish guy who translates the manuals to English,

> French, and German. Or that is what he says he does.
>
> I recall a dual band Handheld radio I bought and still use daily
> called an ADI HT-204. It comes with a nice manual which I found has
> nothing of value on the first 14 pages. Then in very odd sentence
> structure it provides all you need to know in 2 pages.
>
> Many times I have provided talks to Radio Clubs about using
> repeaters and the secret is to save that odd size paper manual that
> comes with your HT. Without it you should just throw the radio away.
> Then get out the manual and RTFM. Then RTFM again! Then try and set up
> the radio.
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>
> - Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -
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I wonder who translated this message from the Japanese?

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Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 17:58:37 -0500
From: "Ron & Judy Ackerman" <n8kbg@triton.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [142502] Test Message
Message-ID: <004c01c2a6e9\$102360e0\$efb041d8@ront4p4wrpb8ne>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

To see if I'm doing this correctly.

Merry Christmas,
Ron N8KBG

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2002 18:08:16 -0500
From: "Brian Riley (maillist)" <n1bq_list@wulfden.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [142503] Re: dx country question
Message-ID: <BA266A10.426D%n1bq_list@wulfden.org>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Zaire became The Democratic Republic of the Congo in the late 90's (1997 I think). Things got boiling with the influx of refugees from the set to between Hutus and the Tutsis over Rwanda/Burundi way. The locals in Zaire finally decided to up and oust the crook that had been running the show for 32 years ... DR of Congo is potentially the richest nation in all of Africa, its potential mineral wealth is almost incalculable probably far beyond South Africa. However Mobutu was quite busy shipping what money they made out to his Swiss bankers and not putting it back into the infra structure needed for health and welfare as well as for developing all this potential wealth.

On 12/18/02 10:38, "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net> wrote:

> Meander on over to http://buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcallexe, poke in 9S1X, and
> discover that Michael is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and that
> his QSL manager is F2YT.

>
> 72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
> didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <kw3u@warwick.net>

> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

> Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2002 2:13 PM

> Subject: dx country question

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>> Hi all; Managed to snag 9S1X today and thought I had new country Congo,

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>> but in my (little outdated) dxcc countries book where I keep track, I

>> already

>> have prefix 9Q-9T filled in with 9q5da Zaire.

>> Would appreciate knowing if I have a new one or the story here.

>> Guess I should have payed attention in geography class.

>> Please no guesses or maybe's, just the facts.

>> Also looking forward to more postings on the new argonaut, tn timer Jim

>> kw3u

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